

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RICARDO VELASQUEZ,

Plaintiff,

-against-

OCTOBER USA, LLC, a California limited liability company, d/b/a OCTOBER'S VERY OWN-NY, and AKAM ASSOCIATES, INC., a New York corporation,

Defendant(s).

23-CV-9821 (JGLC)

ORDER

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE, United States District Judge:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a magistrate judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) proceed with an initial pretrial conference.

Dated: November 15, 2023

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

Jessica Clarke

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE
United States District Judge